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Suggestions on draft of Mr. Kirkpatrick's address of April 7, 1960

p. 1: "a fitting way" instead of "the best way", ... to introduce passage from St. John

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p. 1, par. 2, add a further sentence, re explanation of St. John:

"This passage from St. John also symbolizes one of our Nation's aspirations as spokesman and leader of the free world-- the conviction that the search for ~~truth~~ genuine for the restoration and advancement of freedom across the world. " (that is, the free exchange of ideas, etc. etc.)

p. 1, par. 3 : suggest this alternate sentence (changes underlined):

"Tonight I will tell you something about the Central Intelligence process--how it works and how effectively it contributes to our system of national security ..."

p. 1, line 6 from bottom: "phenomenon," not "phenomena"

p. 4, suggest change wording re Truman's "impatience";

" President Truman, impressed by the need ~~for~~ of full, objective, and timely intelligence, sought to hasten the establishment of a postwar intelligence organization. He directed his Chief of Staff, Admiral Leahy ... " (omit the reference to "impatience")

p. 5, line 2 and 3: question ^{the phrase} "obviously ... changes" in intelligence; suggest, instead, "various refinements have evolved in the structure and techniques of the intelligence organization ..."

"This evolution produced a coordinated ... system ..." etc.

- p. 5. line ~~11~~ from bottom: lest a literalist object to "vehicles", suggest more descriptive phrase "Various approaches ... are used..." (also p. 6, par. 2)
- p. 6, line 4: "if meanwhile some information of an especially critical nature should arrive ..." etc.
- p. 6, par. 2. "National Intelligence Estimate", instead of "National Estimate"
- p. 6, par. 3: instead of "constant" flow (a word used twice), ~~xx~~ suggest "intermittent flow ..., produced as needed ... , etc."
- p. 7, line 4; instead of "The" department drafting this or that section, suggest : "Each department contributes to the drafting of the estimate, depending on what phase or factor in the foreign situation needs to be appraised : "...
- p. 8, line 6: "compendium of all pertinent knowledge"...
- p. 8: intelligence defined: "It is intelligence rather than information because it has been carefully assembled, critically analysed, with appropriate conclusions directed at the particular foreign situation which is of national-security interest at the moment."
- p. 8, line ~~12~~ 2 from bottom: instead of "confusion" (it is not clear to this reader whether the public or the government is "confused")— suggest omitting last 2 lines and starting new ~~12~~ paragraph:
"In short, the role of intelligence in the government is to keep the policy makers informed ...
- p. 9, line 4: influence of intelligence depends on "relative weight": meaning not clear. Suggest, instead, "Certainly intelligence does contribute, and I think contribute effectively, to policy deliberations

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p. 9, line 9, instead of "always considerable speculation", suggest :

"whether in times of international crisis, or in more tranquil times, there is always a certain amount of public speculation as to the accuracy/and timeliness of our intelligence reports ..."

p. 10, last 2 paragraphs sound weak, invoking needless "immodesty"

and re-opening, in various last paragraph, the old and perhaps

by-now resolved public question whether the U.S. "needs" an

intelligence service. Suggest, as an alternative, a quote or two

of ^{outside} evaluation from Ike's speech at the cornerstone laying,

last Nov. 3 (attached), or AWD's address on the

intelligence-estimating machinery, last Jan. 26 in NYC (attached)